

I oppose continued testing for CW proficiency. Since the prime attribute required for learning CW is a sense of rythm, which many people, including myself, do not have, it serves only to discriminate for no regulatory purpose. For those wishing to operate CW, some level of proficiency is a pre-requisite, making it a "self-testing" mode. If you don't know it, you can't use it. CW testing is akin to making sure we can speak before allowing us to use "phone" modes, or a typing test for packet.

Of the petitions on file, this one comes closest to being workable. The only facet of this proposal I disagree with is the elimination same-session retesting. Therefore, I urge the Commission to adopt this petition without the same-session restriction.

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